

What are some of the other ASAA Initiatives?

Scholarships:

Alberta Milk Every Moment Scholarship

The award is for students who achieve a balance in school, home and community life. The scholarship is \$1000 and is intended only for those students who are going on to post-secondary education.

ASAA member schools may submit a nomination for one male and one female Gr. 12 student only. The application form must be signed by the school principal/assistant principal.

ASAA Pay It Forward Scholarship

This scholarship is for student athletes who contribute their time as either a coach or an official in either the school or community and is meant to recognize and reward those students who 'give back' to their school/community. The scholarship is \$500 and will be awarded to 10 student athletes across the province (one from each of the ASAA's zones with Calgary and Edmonton receiving two each due to significantly higher populations). Must be a grade 12 student at time of application.

Awards:

Most Sportsmanlike Coach

This award is given to the coach that has, by example, consistently shown good sportsmanship while coaching and has brought credit to him/herself and their school. Testimonials from parents and athletes are always encouraged.

Submissions are welcome from students, parents and others, but should be directed through the school.



Student Leadership Workshops

IMPACT Leadership Training Workshops are for high school sports leaders and advisors. They are run twice a year and are open to all member schools of the ASAA. They are a one day workshop that include sessions focused on positive values and perspectives, sportsmanship, respect, teamwork and nutrition. The goal of the workshop is to have students and advisors come away with an action plan to implement leadership within their schools and communities. This is a unique and beneficial opportunity for students to develop leadership skills that are useful on and off the court.

Registrations for the workshops are posted online and should be directed through the school.



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ASAA Parent/ Guardian Information

Who is the ASAA?

The Alberta Schools' Athletic Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization that was established in 1956 to coordinate a program of worthwhile athletic activities for young people of Alberta in an educational setting. Therefore, any athletics your child participates in that are linked to an Alberta high school is governed by this organization.

- Currently has a membership of 373 high schools
- ASAA Bylaws and Policies are intended to provide direction in the areas of equitable competition and ethical standards for all involved with school athletic programs.

Currently the ASAA:

- Provides competitive athletic opportunities in 12 different activities
- Provides equal opportunities for male and female athletes
- Supports 33 provincial championships
- Maintains an active and regularly updated website; where you can find any and all relevant information pertaining to policy, championships, coach education and many other resources.

What is Expected of me as a Parent/Guardian?

To demonstrate courtesy, respect and appropriate behaviour and language when dealing with your child, teachers, coaches, other students and officials.

- When dealing with policy interpretation, parent/guardians should ALWAYS go to their school administration or athletic director for guidance.

Is my child eligible to play sports?

Your school principal is responsible for ensuring that all competitors in ASAA activities are eligible to compete.

Students are eligible to compete based on the following rules:

- Student must be registered in 800 instructional minutes (i.e. 10 credits or two full time courses) per week during the time of participation in that activity for which Alberta Education credits are granted
- A student who becomes 19 before September 1 shall be ineligible for high school competition.
- Students have the right to their choice of school for their Grade 10 year (subject to the provisions of the transfer policy—refer to information brochure on transfer policy). Students shall be eligible for 3 consecutive years after registering for Grade 10. The first year of Grade 10 is considered the first year of eligibility.
- Students who attend classes at more than one campus will be considered members of their home-base school (school with larger percentage of credit load). If at any time the majority changes from one school to another, the student must establish eligibility based on the ASAA transfer policy.
- All participants must be bona-fide students at the school they represent; meaning in good faith and without deception be registered at the school they represent.

What if my child chooses to change schools after grade 10?

While athletes have their choice of school in Grade 10 for athletics, after Grade 10 if an athlete transfers schools they are ineligible for interscholastic competition until they establish eligibility at their new school. This process is an online Athletic Eligibility portal that can only be initiated by the Athletic Director or Principal at the receiving school.

ASAA doesn't control the student's academic eligibility within a school but does oversee the athletic eligibility and therefore before changing schools it is advised that parents and athletes refer to the transfer policy brochure to ensure that their son/daughter will be eligible to compete at their new school prior to transferring schools. This information can be found on the ASAA website.

At any time a school is unhappy with the application and interpretation of the transfer policy, they have the right to appeal the outcome, but only member schools can appeal on behalf of a student.

It is important that you talk to the Athletic Director of your school about the ASAA transfer policy to ensure that you understand the policy and its application.

Is there anything else I should know?

To maintain a proper relationship between the academic purposes of schools and their athletic activities, all member schools and anyone directly connected to the school must refrain from recruitment, inducement or other forms of undue influence that would encourage a student to enroll in or transfer to a school for athletic purposes after entering Grade 10.

To be eligible for high school provincial competition in basketball, volleyball, football, cheerleading, team handball, and rugby, a high school student is NOT permitted to play on a non-school team in the same sport during the same season (ie: rec league team, club team, throw together tournament team, etc).

In the event that a member school is unable to provide a team (either Jr. or Sr. varsity) in the sports of basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, curling, team handball, football and rugby, individual students may participate with another ASAA member school within their zone. The combined populations of the two schools will determine the classification level the team will compete in that sport only.